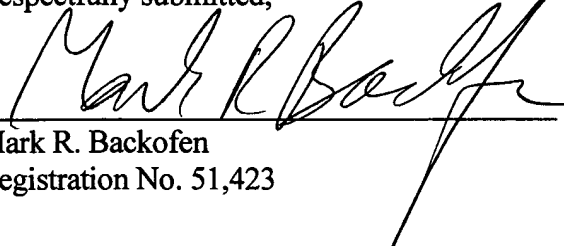


REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to examination of this application.

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